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Michael Boland (Mike) is a professor of agricultural economics and associate director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center at Kansas State University where he has teaching, research, and continuing education responsibilities in agribusiness management strategy. He has received numerous national, university, and college teaching awards and was recently selected as the 2008 National Association of Land Grant Universities USDA National Agriculture and Food Excellence in Teaching award which is the most prestigious college teaching award in the United States. He is President-elect of the Western Agricultural Economics Association.

Mike has also received several national and college extension team awards and was a member of the Hard White Wheat Commercialization Team that received the USDA Secretary's Honor Award. Mike teaches educational modules on finance, governance, and strategic thinking in boards of director leadership programs. These programs are taught in 14 states annually. With regard to competitive grants, Mike has received more than \$8 million to support his programs. Mike has published more than 60 journal articles and worked with more than 25 graduate students.

The majority of his work involves food and agribusiness firms where he has co-authored over 50 case studies on agribusinesses. Mike served as co-chair of the USDA National Food and Agribusiness Management Commission and is serving as chair of the USDA International Agribusiness Task Force whose charge is to look at ways to incorporate competitiveness and trade topics into agribusiness management curriculum at land grant universities. He also serves as the faculty advisor and case writer for the Executive Seminar on Agribusiness.

He has led international study tours of agriculture for students in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, New Zealand, Nicaragua and Uruguay. He has lectured in more than 30 countries and speaks Spanish. Mike also serves as a U.S. Department of State Speaker and Specialist in international trade and marketing issues affecting the food industry.

He took his PhD in agricultural economics from Purdue University specializing in marketing, production, and strategic management. Mike also has a Master's in agricultural economics from Purdue and a Master's in agricultural education from the University of Minnesota where he specialized in extension and continuing education. His BA degree – a major in business administration – is from the University of St. Thomas in St Paul, Minnesota.

Prior to arriving at Kansas State University as an assistant professor in 1996, Mike was the recipient of a USDA National Needs PhD Fellowship in Agribusiness where he helped work with continuing education programs in the Purdue University Center for Food and Agricultural Business. Mike's previous work experience includes a local farm supply cooperative, a regional cooperative, a co-op state council, and other businesses. He is the oldest of 12 children and was reared in Minnesota.